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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 230-5-7

SUBJECT: EOP – ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH CELEBRATION

<u>Purpose</u>. To inform employees about a planned activity.

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Each year USDA acknowledges May as Asian American, Pacific Islander (AAPI) Culture Month to extend a special tribute to all of our NRCS Employees of Asian descent. The State Office AAPI Program will be held May 3, 2005, from 12 Noon to 1:00 PM, in the U.S. First Trust Center Great Hall. The AAPI Program will feature a presentation by Mrs. Grace Lee representing her Moo Gung Wha Korean Dance Academy. She will present 2 solo dances in traditional Korean Costume. In one dance, she combines her dance with solo drumming.

Her presentation will be part of, and immediately following the Frauenshuh/Lowertown Concert Series in which Young Nam Kim, Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, will present a violin/cello concert entitled, "East Meets West". Soprano Maria Jette will also be singing in both the concert and during the costume change between dances for Mrs. Lee.

All NRCS Employees are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy the concert and solo dance performance to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage. Field and Area employees are welcome to this event with approval of their supervisor.

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